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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Lion's Den

RISING in the House of Lords last week to answer strong criticism of the British Government's "decadent mentality" towards maritime defence, Lord Carrington (Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Defence) quipped: "I feel rather like Daniel in the lion's den but with no faith that a comparable miracle will occur." Three veteran Admirals of the Fleet told the Government that the Royal Navy had neither the ships nor the men to defend the Merchant Navy and they expressed grave doubts about the ability of our existing cruiser fleet to stand up to the powerful modern cruisers of the Russian Navy should war break out. They complained that since the war, not one new cruiser had been built, that the policy appeared to be "Do not build—wait for the scientists." Lord Carrington made the somewhat alarming reply that the Government was aware of the ageing cruiser problem and, in classical Whitchall officialese, told the Admirals: "As soon as it is possible to see clearly what kind of ships would be required to meet the conditions of naval warfare in the future, important decisions will be made." Meanwhile experiments with old cruisers are continuing to determine the characteristics of the atomic-age vessel. But there is a danger in waiting too long for the scientists and the specialists and a firm decision will have to be taken soon.

IT is very well for the strategists to say that in the event of another war the Russian cruiser will be matched "against" British, American, French—in fact the combined fleets of NATO nations which include at least 116 cruisers, over 230 battleships and about 130 aircraft carriers, and well over a thousand destroyers, frigates and escort vessels. Adequate numbers in themselves are not the complete answer to the question. Britain and the NATO powers must be able to match the Russians with all the latest weapons as well. It is useless trying to counter-attack an enemy armed with guided missiles, with six or eight-inch shells. It is like shooting a pop-gun at somebody armed with a sub-machine gun.

EVEN more alarming is the modernisation programme for the Royal Air Force. Where are the Hunters, Swifts and Javelins that should have gone into service with the R.A.F. this year in "large numbers"? So far there is one squadron of Swifts and one squadron of Hunters. There are 400 American and Canadian Sabreets in the Air Force and the rest of the squadrons are equipped with Meteors, originally built about 10 years ago though improved upon since, and obsolete Vampires and Venoms which are 100-200 m.p.h. slower than their Soviet counterparts, the MIG fighters. Where are Britain's new V-bombers which have been on show for 18 months now? It seems that not one has yet been delivered to the R.A.F. Hong Kong should have something more modern than Meteors, Vampires and Mosquitos but we are not likely to get any new jet aircraft until the Swifts and Hunters have completely replaced existing old-fashioned fighters in Europe. The Government says: "Production has not come up to expectation." The producers blame Government specialists for the delay because they demand so many modifications. The scientists are certain to argue that they are only trying to keep the R.A.F. abreast of the galloping pace of scientific development. That may be all very well but if we get no modern aircraft and no modern ships in the meantime, science rather defeats its own purpose. The R.A.F. had the same trouble before the last war when Frank Whittle was trying to persuade the authorities to adopt the jet engine. Unless we utilise our scientific achievements for the armed services properly, we shall definitely progress.

Lord Carrington quickly assured the House that the Royal Air Force had in the "Lion's Den" with no such comparable "miracle" will occur.

THE WEATHER: Fresh North to N.E. winds, becoming strong in exposed places tonight. Fair this afternoon, but becoming cloudy tonight and remaining cool.

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NEW PEKING ATTACK ON U.N. ACTION

But Still No Reply To Hammarskjold's Cable COLOMBO POWERS MAY OFFER TO MEDIATE

New York, Dec. 14. Radio Peking tonight made another attack on the proposal of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr Dag Hammarskjold to visit Peking to discuss with Communist Chinese leaders the dispute over the 11 American airmen imprisoned on spying charges. But it did not say whether Chinese officials would meet Mr Hammarskjold.

Other developments today were:

- United Nations officials denied reports that Peking had replied to Mr Hammarskjold's cable;
- The Ceylonese Prime Minister, Sir John Kotelawala, indicated that the Colombo powers at their Djakarta conference this month may seek the role of mediator between Communist China and the United States in the dispute;
- The Times Delhi correspondent and the Indian newspaper, Statesman, confirmed reports that the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Nehru, had sent a personal message to Mr Chou En-lai urging him to agree to meet Mr Hammarskjold.

Radio Peking today said that the United Nations has absolutely no right to interfere with the judgment by China against the 11 American airmen imprisoned on spy charges.

But the radio broadcast monitored in Tokyo stopped short of rejecting the bid of U.N. Secretary-General Mr Dag Hammarskjold for a conference in Peking on U.N. demands for release of the airmen.

THIRD TIME

It was the third time in three days that Communist China denounced the U.N. action to free the U.S. airmen without mentioning Mr Hammarskjold's request for a meeting with the Premier, Mr Chou En-lai.

The broadcast said, "The fact that the U.N. debated the proposal under U.S. pressure will leave a big stain on the history of the U.N. which the U.N. should take up for study."

"The U.N. Charter stipulates that the United Nations cannot interfere in matters which are intrinsically domestic affairs of any country. Therefore the United Nations has absolutely no right to step into the judgment by China against U.S. spies."

U.S. 'VIOLATION'

"The United States violated the Korean Armistice Agreement, broke the P.O.W. repatriation agreement and several times took away several tens of thousands of Chinese and Korean P.O.W.s and forced

them into the armed forces of Syngman Rhee and Chiang Kai-shek. It is evil acts of this type which the U.N. should take up for study."

"It is a poor show put on by the United States. In the U.N., some countries' delegates, like delegates of Great Britain, slandered the Chinese people..."

The U.N. "flag," the broadcast concluded, "cannot hide the crimes of the American spies who were dropped from the sides."

STILL NO REPLY
United Nations officials said today that Mr Dag Hammarskjold, the Secretary-General, had still not received a reply from Peking to his offer.

It is four days since Mr Hammarskjold despatched a cable to Mr Chou En-lai suggesting a meeting between them soon after the General Assembly on Friday requested Mr Hammarskjold to seek the men's release by means he thought most appropriate.

MEDIATION OFFER

In Honolulu, the Ceylonese Prime Minister, Sir John Kotelawala, indicated that the Colombo powers in their conference this month in Djakarta may seek the role of a mediator between Communist China and the United States in an effort to settle the dispute over the gaoling of 11 American aviators on spy charges.

He did not say how the Colombo Powers might mediate or whether he had already consulted with other Colombo Powers on the idea.

NEHRU'S CABLE

New Delhi, Dec. 15. Mr Jawaharlal Nehru has urged the Chinese Communist Premier to receive Mr Dag Hammarskjold, the United Nations Secretary-General, for talks on the 11 American aviators gaoled as "spies," the Indian newspaper Statesman and the London Times correspondent reported today.

MADE UP HIS MIND
Unseen by the crowd, the Abbe Gruber again appealed to the young man not to throw away his life and finally the unknown baker made up his mind.

He climbed from his wind-blown perch and came down into the cathedral, where he refused the money that was offered him.

He was in a state of collapse, and was hurried through the crowd to a waiting ambulance and rushed to hospital. His identity is still unknown.—France-Press.

MPS' 11TH HOUR BID TO SAVE

WOMAN FROM HANGING

London, Dec. 14.

Some members of Parliament made an 11th hour fight tonight to save the life of Mrs. Sybilou Christie, 33-year-old Cypriot to hang tomorrow for the murder of her daughter-in-law.

Strangled

Christie was sentenced to death on October 22 after a trial in which it was alleged she strangled her 40-year-old daughter-in-law, Hilda, at their London flat.

She was travelling along Army Road 2 at about 8 p.m. when she stopped to avoid some pedestrians and, added, it overstepped and landed in a puddle.

Trooper G. David, 22, of the Royal Horse Guards, was killed, and the driver, Trooper M. Stewart, 24, of the 7th Hussars, was severely injured.

The incident, which occurred

George, the Home Secretary. They want to put before him evidence of the prison doctor that Mrs. Christie was suffering from a mental disease which they believed might have meant her being found guilty but insane had it been put to the court.

Sir Leslie Plummer and Mr Silverman said they had a report dated October 8 by Dr. W. Christie, Principal Medical Officer at Holloway Prison, based on his observations of Mrs. Christie during her months in prison.

Defect Of Reason

The medical report stated that Mrs. Christie had a "defect of reason due to a disease of the mind."

Dr. Christie said that however much Christie might have been capable of appreciating the nature and quality of the acts she was doing at the time of the acts, the defect of reason was such that she was incapable of knowing what she was doing was wrong.

Last Woman Hanged

The last woman hanged in Britain was Mrs. Louisa Macmillan, executed at Holloway Prison on December 11, 1953, for the

murder of her husband, Mr. Macmillan, 50, in 1948.

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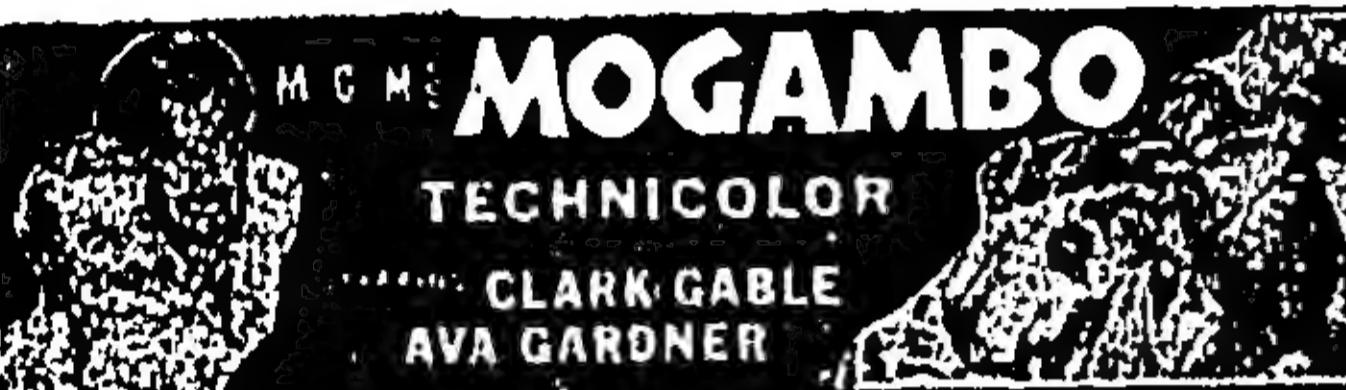
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WITNESS TO MURDER

SYRIAN PLANE INCIDENT

Move To Denounce
Israel's Action
In United Nations
BANDITRY & PIRACY

United Nations, Dec. 14.

Syria tonight reported to the United Nations Security Council the Israeli action in forcing down a Syrian airliner on Sunday and denounced it as an act of "banditry and piracy."

Syria's permanent representative to the U.N., Mr Rafik Asha, did not ask for Security Council action at this time. But his action was a routine preliminary to such a demand whenever the Syrian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission has completed its investigation of the case.

The incident occurred on Sunday when a plane of the Syrian Air Company, bound from Damascus to Cairo via Beirut, was intercepted by two Israeli Meteor jet fighters and forced to land at Lydda in Israeli territory.

REGULAR FLIGHT

The Syrian note said that the Security Council said that the plane was "carrying out a flight over a regular route. Apart from the crew, it had on board five passengers, including two women and a United States citizen. The incident took place at a great distance from the coast of Palestine."

Syria said the attention of all U.N. members was called "to the serious nature of the acts of the Israeli authorities, which constitute a flagrant violation of the provisions of the Syrian-Israeli armistice agreement. There is no rule of international public law that authorizes attacks on aircraft flying over the high seas. The principles of the freedom of sea and air navigation is universally recognized. A violation of that principle is tantamount to an act of banditry and piracy."

The Syrian note said: "The Syrian complaint against the flagrant actions of the Israeli authorities has been lodged with the Syrian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission. The serious consequences which the incident is bound to have cannot be too strongly emphasized. In any event, an urgent investigation has been requested, together with the immediate release of the aircraft, its crew and passengers."

A record number of members turned out for the vote, which resulted in an endorsement of Dr Sastromidjojo's foreign policy patterned after India's. The vote also means Parliament's support for Dr Sastromidjojo's continued domestic economic measures. — United Press.

Nearly 100,000 Saved On Aust. Beaches

Sydney, Dec. 14. Australian lifersave from drowning since the inception of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia in 1907.

During the year ended October 31, the Association received requests for equipment, handbooks, and details of administration from the United States, Israel, Trinidad, Brazil, Pakistan, Ceylon, Ireland and Korea. Secretary Ken Watson stated. — Reuter.

Hong Kong Birds

Herkots, G. A. C. 1953. Hong Kong Birds, Pp. viii+233, 11 plts, 8 in colour, numerous black-and-white drawings in text. Hong Kong: South China Morning Post, Ltd, HK\$35.00.

" . . . a most welcome handbook for ornithologists resident or stationed in Hong Kong. All the hitherto recorded species are clearly and concisely described, and a short account is given of field characters, voice, habits, status, etc. The illustrations, except for three plates of photographs, are all by Dr. A. M. Hughes, and include four attractive plates of the heads of 42 species and many useful drawings in the text. The writer of this review would have benefited greatly from this book when stationed in Hong Kong some years ago. Even now, on referring to it, some 40 unfamiliar species on which notes were made at the time have almost all proved readily identifiable. — D. W. McElroy, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Wellington, N. Z., Dec. 15. In the past 12 months twelve New Zealand children have been burned to death while their parents were away from the home.

Eight others have been scalded from the flames by hot boules or pastries.

Auckland fire chief, Mr G. A. McKenzie, appealed to parents not to leave children unattended at night. — Reuter.

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Something in the City

SPLIT SECOND

ECONOMIC AID FOR ASIA

Congressional Opposition To Outright Gifts

EISENHOWER AGREES TO CONSULT LEADERS

Washington, Dec. 14. Congressional opposition developed today to providing the free nations of Asia large outright gifts of economic aid such as Europe received under the Marshall Plan.

The opposition was expressed as President Eisenhower sought bipartisan support for expanded economic assistance to Asia at a White House conference of Republican and Democratic Congressional leaders.

The Administration has not outlined its plan in detail, but three Congressmen said they hope it does not develop into a "give-away" programme.

BARONET HIT WITH BOTTLE

Nairobi, Dec. 14. Sir Henry Dalrymple, 81, was assaulted and severely injured last night by two men in Nyeri township, 100 miles north of here, police reported to-night.

A broken bottle was reported to have been used.

Tonight Sir Henry was in Mount Kenya hospital recovering from head injuries.

He is a former Wing Commander in the Royal Air Force and has been serving as a district officer in charge of Kikuyu guards.—Reuters.

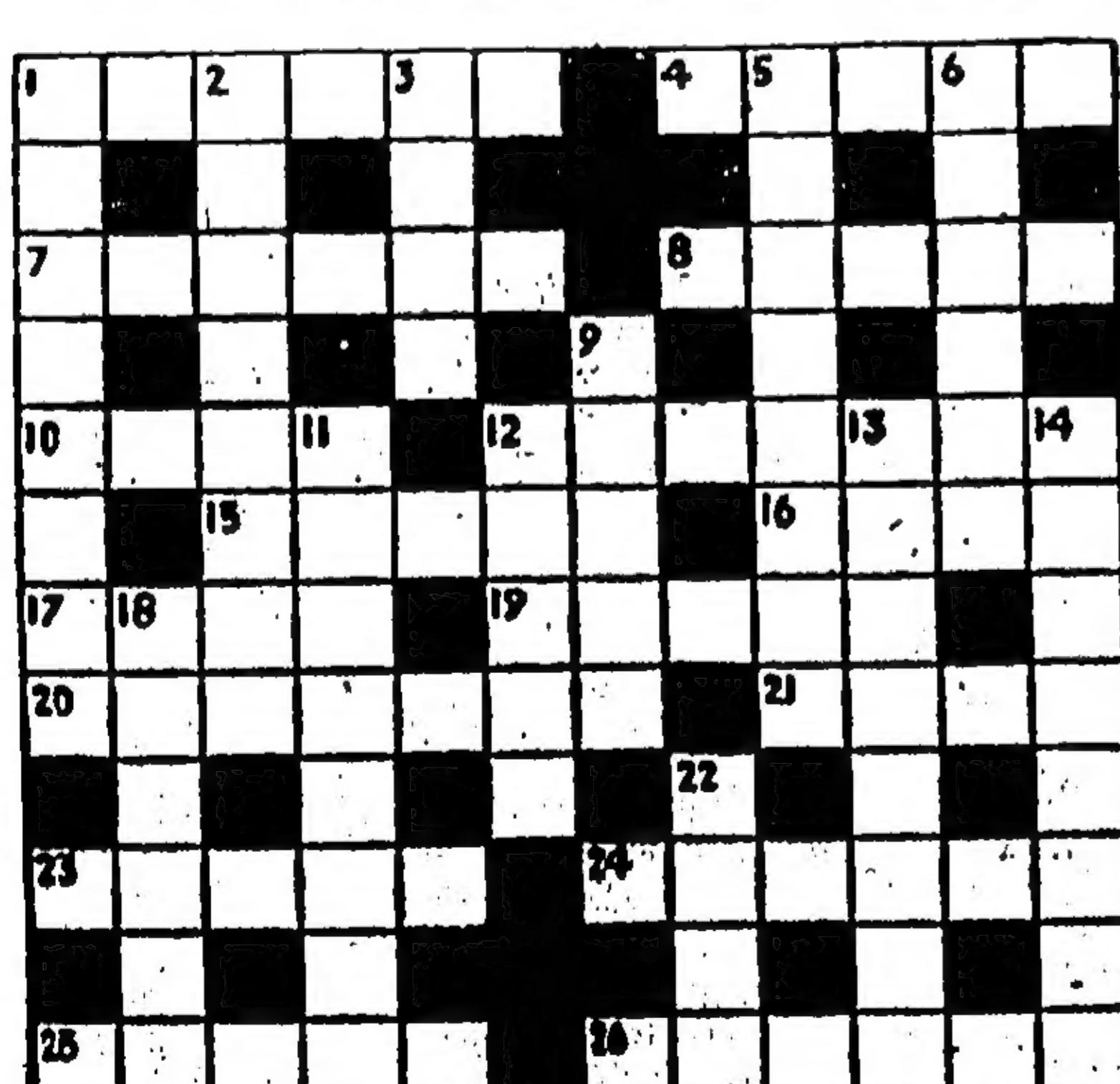
Laughed & Cried Then Died

Rangoon, Dec. 15. A woman and her daughter-in-law, living in a suburb of Rangoon, were recently taken ill with a strange complaint within a few hours of one another.

They alternately laughed and cried and tried to bite people for 48 hours, after which they both became unconscious and died within minutes of each other.

Monks and indigenous medical practitioners who were called in said the women had been "possessed of evil spirits" and they worked for several days to ensure that these spirits did not pass to the remainder of the family.—Reuters.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Minister (6).
- Insignificant (6).
- Just (6).
- Argued (7).
- Tooth (6).
- Kind of vetch (4).
- Bolt securing metal plates (6).
- Marque tower (7).
- Pass (4).
- Globe material (6).
- Sterile (6).
- Custom (6).
- Necessity (6).
- Opposed (6).
- Edie (6).
- Debit (6).
- Chop (6).
- Passport (6).
- Bracelet (6).
- Return (6).
- Debated (6).
- Spade (6).
- Avon (6).
- Berserker (6).
- Loor (6).
- Bugle (6).
- Gadget (6).
- Peril (6).
- Banjo (6).
- Toasted (6).
- Forlorn (6).
- Murky (6).
- Bogus (6).
- Stone (6).

DOWN

- Love of peace (6).
- Sample (6).
- Used in rowing (4).
- Exults (6).
- Walk unsteadily (6).
- Worth (6).
- Revolving (6).
- Challonged (6).
- Ragged (6).
- Made lower (6).
- Glands (6).
- Wise (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Blessing, 6 Parrot, 7 Repelled, 11 Compared, 12 Edie, 13 Chop, 22 Passport, 24 Bracelet, 25 Return, 26 Debated, 27 Spade, 28 Avon, 29 Berserker, 4 Loor, 5 Bugle, 6 Gadget, 10 Peril, 14 Banjo, 15 Toasted, 16 Forlorn, 17 Murky, 20 Bogus, 21 Stone, 23 Stone, 26 Stone.



General Boyer de la Tour, French Resident General in Tunisia, talks with native workmen while visiting some new works employing jobless natives.—Express Photo.

French Governor
Of Tunisia

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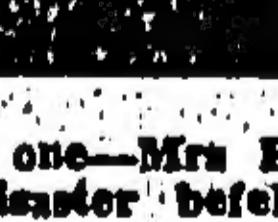
I first became interested in this malevolent stone when I was a very small boy. Mother collected stage photographs as modern girls hoard film stars' autographs. One day in volume called "Footlight Favourites" she showed me a picture of a slim dark-eyed charmer wearing a curious plantation costume—a wide straw-hat, blouse, and long striped trousers. The odd thing was that one trouser-leg was turned up to the knee while the other reached her calf. "That is May Yohe," said my mother. "She married the Duke of Newcastle, and wore the dreadful Hope Diamond, poor girl."

At once my childish curiosity was fired. How could a diamond be dreadful? How could the pretty girl with the strange surname and the funny trousers be a "poor thing" when she had married a Duke? I resolved there and then to learn the story of the Hope Diamond and I have been reading it chapter by chapter ever since.

Last owner but one—Mrs. E. B. McLean—told me her husband, son and daughter story of the Hope Diamond and I have been reading it chapter by chapter ever since.

For three centuries, since it was stolen from the eye of an idol in an Indian temple, the "Diamond of Death" has passed from hand to hand, leaving a trail of death and misfortune in its wake. The first victim was Tavernier, the French jeweller who prised it from the head of the god. He died penniless after selling the stone to Louis XIV.

Charles Le Brun, the famous French painter, lent the diamond to an actress at the Folies Bergère. This actress, known as "La Dame aux Camélias," had a secret admirer, the Marquis de Nemours, who was the then Minister of War. The Marquis had



"That is May Yohe, said my mother. She wore the dreadful Hope Diamond, poor girl."

dealer, Harry Winston, for £250,000.

Mr. Winston, who arrived in London recently, still owns the Hope Diamond. He has no superstitions.

Hollywood is contemplating a film based on its lurid history.

If that film is ever made there should be plenty of meaty parts for the character actors—the Grand Monarch, catching the diamond's blue gleam in the sunshine of Versailles; Abdul the Prince, raging in his harem, the passionate Russian prince aiming his pistol from his box in the Folies Bergère. But the star part, for me, would be a dark-eyed girl in a striped trouser, one leg rolled to the knee, dancing round the stage of the old Gailey in a George R. Sims' burlesque and singing "Linger Longer Lucy."

And if Hollywood needs a snappy title for this super-production I suggest "The Gem with a Jinx."

CHARLES ASKS FOR A BIKE

— AND CHOOSES IT

By Elizabeth Few

PRINCE CHARLES quickly over the carpeted floor. "This is the one. The very one," said he, putting his hand on the saddle.

Said Father Christmas: "I see I will have to make a special note of this."

Then Prince Charles walked round the Palace of Toys, mingling with other boys and girls who had arrived in the early morning to miss the shopping crush.

He saw a staircase covered with dolls of all descriptions, cuddly toy animals and an enormous tiger at the price of 16 guineas.

All these and many more toys Charles saw and admired. But all his eyes could really see was THE cycle. A red one.

And one could not help but wonder if he had measured it in his mind alongside the "half doctor" who knows the cure for everything but his own madness.

Although these obsessions can no doubt be traced to their origins by best doctors, what is the explanation of the Christmas obsession? Why do the victims of it ask, "What are you doing for Christmas?" months before the event? Do they care what you are doing—or are they compelled by their malady to bring the subject up at every opportunity? Are they impatient to find an excuse to wear funny hats? If he had measured it in his mind alongside the

large chimney at Sandringham, Melville, the man who usually opens the door for members of the Royal Family when they visit, almost to collect the royal Santa Claus.

Prince Charles has been well known for his Christmas present, and

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

ALBERT, THE ROBOT COLUMNIST, was in a difficult mood when we began our work. His first fan mail from two women had gone to his head.

When you have finished reading your letters again, Albert, perhaps we could consider the news?

But it's terrific. One girl says I'm wonderful. The other says she loves me.

Don't take remarks like that too seriously, Albert.

Perhaps I'll be famous.

Two fan letters won't make you famous, Albert.

This is only a beginning. Maybe I'll go on television, on the films, on the stage. Perhaps I'll be like Frankie Laine with thousands of beautiful women crying on my shoulder.

Let's get back to the affairs of the day, Albert. What have you been reading about this morning?

Marilyn Monroe.

There are more important things to read about than Marilyn Monroe. There is the rearmament of Germany which is making some people happy and many more unhappy. There is the dook strike which is making everybody unhappy. What in your opinion would make all men happy in this confusing world?

Marilyn Monroe.

There is also the humiliating defeat of the Arsenal football team in Moscow. Do you think it was because we sent a second-rate team to play a first-rate team, or do you think that English football generally is on the decline? If so, what do you think English footballers need to improve their play?

Marilyn Monroe.

I am talking of training, Albert.

So am I.

Albert, I have spoken to you before about innuendos.

What innuendos about a dinner dance for footballers with Marilyn Monroe before a match? It would give them a kick most of them haven't got.

I doubt if you really meant that. But let it pass. To change the subject, the Chancellor of the Exchequer has doubled the foreign travel allowance, which means that if you and I had a holiday we could spend quite a long time abroad. What country would you like to meet?

Marilyn Monroe.

No, Albert. Please don't mention that woman's name again.

Don't talk like that about Marilyn.

Albert, it's not an insult to call a woman a woman.

It's the way you said it. Albert, are you in love with Marilyn Monroe?... Speak up. You think she's what?

Smashing.

My poor Albert. You are in love. No wonder you can't work today. But you'll soon get over it. No, I won't.

Perhaps she'll write to you one day.

Do you think she will?

You never wonder. Then you can write back. What shall you say?... Don't be shy.... Whisper if you like.

Pass the extra eggs, please.

Albert, how dare you?

Heh, heh, heh, heh, heh.

That coarse laugh again.

Heh, heh, heh, heh, heh, heh.

Following up his advantage

the horrible little Gubbins then wanted to know how Gladstone found time to make long speeches unless he was chewing one of his chops at the same time. If he was still munching and picking his teeth when he had a group audience with Queen Victoria, and was that the reason why she couldn't bear the sight of him?

In the end he was weary, hysterical family abandoned the argument, and let Gubbins gobble his way to dyspepsia and comparative obscurity.

Another story of that period the little Gubbins never believed was the one about female royalty having their faces painted with pink enamel every morning to make them look fit and fresh whatever the state of their health.

Again he wanted to know all the facts: who put the enamel on and how did they clip it off at night with a hammer and chisel, what happened with the female royalties ate an apple, and did the enamel go crack when they laughed? And again the family gave best to the tireless investigator.

But when Gubbins went to school a year later and his schoolmaster told him that Dickens wrote two novels at the same time the little cynic took it straight, believing that Dickens wrote one book with his right hand and another with his left simultaneously.

Deeply interested, Gubbins tried it out when he had time to write after school hours, but found it impossible.

Then he hit on the ingenious idea of feeding Dickens at his own table. He had the boy write three lines, two of them of trivial tales, and the third a riddle.

A possible explanation is that Dickens was a very slow writer, and that he wrote two very

**JACOBY
ON BRIDGE**

Look At the Cards
Then Decide Play

By OSWALD JACOBY

"How should South play the accompanying hand?" asks San Francisco correspondent. "West opened the king of diamonds, continued with the jack of diamonds, and then led the ten of diamonds at the third trick.

"South ruffed the third diamond in his hand, discarding the jack of clubs from the dummy. He considered an immediate finesse of dummy's jack of hearts, but decided instead to play the ace and king of trumps. This turned out to be fatal.

If declarer then led a third trump, West would win with the queen and lead another diamond. Dummy would ruff out of trump, and West would win a second trick and two more diamonds. And if declarer abandoned trumps, West would eventually make two trumps tricks to set the contract.

"Some of the kibitzers (there are many of this species in San Francisco, and we will back their lunging against the best that the East can produce) argued that South should have begun the trumps by finesseing the ten of diamonds. Is this correct?"

An immediate finesse would work, of course, in the cards lie. After all, a kibitzer doesn't have to recommend a line of play until he has seen all of the cards, and he shouldn't make many mistakes under these conditions.

If you happen to be playing the hand without the advantage of seeing all the cards, the best


YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

BORN today, you are a natural scholar, with the additional talent for imparting your knowledge. You have a high intellectual quality which makes you like the teacher you can come in contact with now and interesting individuals. You will forcefully, both in speech and in writing, and are accurate and painstaking. In detail, you have a pleasing personality which makes you popular with everyone and causes everyone to forget that you are a leader. You are a natural born teacher, as well as with yourself. You are, to a high degree, a perfectionist and want only the best.

While your memory for facts is excellent, you sometimes have difficulty in recalling the names of people. You are, actually, inclined to be a bit over-cautious-minded when the everyday thing comes up. You get so wrapped up in the execution of an idea, that your concentration on it, alone. But when

THURSDAY 16

HAGITTAHUM (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Side-step even the appearance of an argument with those you love. Compromises are best.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—You will be able to fight successfully against any obstacle which crosses your path today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)—Better for you not to make any important decisions at this time. Nutritious routine proves more rewarding.

PIRATES (Feb. 20-Mar. 19)—Proceed with that which is really important until tomorrow. Consider everything carefully; make no mistakes.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Get all your important work done before lunch time. The afternoon hours are not too propitious.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Good, hard work today will prove very rewarding. Results may be slow but they will be substantial.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20)—Stay clear of romantic entanglements that you may regret later on. Be very sure before you commit yourself.

• BY • THE • WAY •
by Beachcomber

NORTH	18		
♦ AKJ3			
♦ AKJ10			
♦ 85			
♦ AQJ			
WEST (D)	EAST		
♦ 10	♦ 8742		
♦ Q84	♦ 3		
♦ AKQJ103	♦ 764		
♦ K4	♦ 9761		
SOUTH			
♦ Q65			
♦ 9752			
♦ 92			
♦ 10853			
North-South vul.			
West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Double Pass	1 ♦	
2 ♦	1 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			
Opening lead—♦ K			

play is neither to finesse nor to lay down the ace and king of trumps. You should lead a trump to dummy's ace and then return the Jack of trumps. This loses to the queen, of course, but it leaves a trump in your own hand and two trumps in the dummy.

As the cards lie, West wins with the queen of trumps but cannot gain by leading another diamond. You would ruff a diamond in your own hand, get to dummy with a club, draw the last two trumps, and claim the rest. If West returns anything but a diamond, you can draw trumps and get to your hand with a spade to take the marked club finesse.

The trouble with taking an immediate trump finesse is that West may have two, three, or four small trumps and a void in spades. East would win the first trump trick and return a spade, whereupon the contract would be defeated by the ruff.

Most of this danger is avoided by the recommended line of play; and this play also guards against the actual danger of four trumps to the queen in the West hand.

CARD Sense

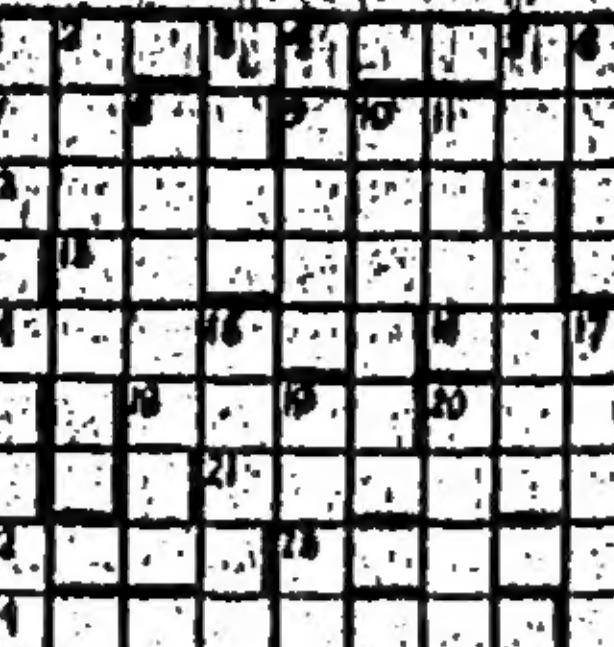
Q.—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been: North West North East 1 Spade Pass 2 Clubs 2 Diamonds.

You, South, hold: Spades A-K-Q-J-9-7-5, Hearts K-9, Diamond 7, Clubs K-8-3. What do you do?

A.—Bid four spades. This violent jump to game shows a very strong suit and a good hand, but it indicates that the first move towards slam must come from your partner. If he has two or more aces, he will make a slam try; and with fewer than two aces, even though he may have a good hand, he will just pass four spades.

Answer Tomorrow

DUMB-BELLS

CROSSWORD

WOMANSENSE
VITAL STATISTICS OF
**THE AVERAGE
MISS FRANCE**

Paris. Her hair is mostly brown, ranging from auburn through blonde. Only 15 percent of French women are natural blondes. The other shades of purple, green, orange and such stuff are often seen on the boulevards of Paris come out of dye bottles.

Most French female complexion are brunettes and their skin generally is clear.

Nine out of 10 French women have almond noses, and 75 percent have light eyes, which range from "gray" to gray-blue, green, orange-brown to green.

118 Different Angles

For, since 1911, there had been no really scientific survey of the measurements of the average Frenchwoman.

But that now has been corrected, for Mademoiselle Suzanne De Felice has just come up with a comprehensive survey of the French female's vital statistics.

Mlle. De Felice has submitted to the Academy of Science a 350-page thesis for a doctor of philosophy degree titled, "Research on the Anthropology of French Women."

The work represents six and a half years of effort, and it covers everything that is worth knowing about the face, form and figure of the average Miss France since 1911.

The conclusion is that the long, low wolf-whistle is justified in ogling the French female chassis.

Aristocratic Fingers

Mlle. De Felice says that Miss France is an average five feet three inches tall and weighs 123 pounds.

The weight is elegantly distributed. Bustwise, Miss France ranges from "medium" to "ample" to "magnificent."

Her waist is narrow and her hips are rather broad. Her legs and arms are of average length; her fingers long, slim and aristocratic." Her fingernails in natural state vary in shade from light pink to deep rose.

Household Hint

The side of a pastry board that is used for rolling dough should not be used for cutting purposes or any purpose that will damage the smooth surface. Never leave such a board soaking in water because moisture will raise the grain of the wood and to roughen the board.

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE
Here's a Riddle for You

—Karf and Handi Guessed Two Answers—

By MAX TRELL

HANID, the shadow-girl with the turned-about name, looked all around the house for her brother Karf. Finally she found him sitting way up in the attic behind an old trunk.

"Karf, what are you doing up here?"

Pondering Over A Riddle

She was surprised to hear another voice answering: "Let him alone, Hanidi! He's thinking."

But Karf kept silently sitting and silently thinking on the floor, with his back against his trunk.

Finally Hanidi and Mr. Punch stopped in front of the dusty attic window.

"Well," said Hanidi, "I can think of several things that look like 'O' and several things that look like 'C'. A rubber ball looks like the 'O'."

"Yes," said Mr. Punch. "And a sickle looks like 'C'."

"And a penny looks like 'O'."

"A bent nail looks like 'C'."

"Now I'm an O."

"Now I'm a C."

Another Solution

"It must be the moon!" said Hanidi.

Later—a whole day—Hanidi thought of an even better answer to the riddle.

"It's a doughnut," she said. "At first it looks like an 'O'. But when you take a bite out of it, it looks like a 'C'."

Mr. Punch and Karf agreed it was a better answer. In fact, they were sure it was the answer.

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"What's he thinking about?"

Handi asked Mr. Punch.

Handi and Mr. Punch looked at Karf in surprise.

"Yes," said Karf. "Now it looks like 'O'. That's when it's full. But when it's a new moon, it looks exactly like a 'C'."

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David quickly explained something of their adventure in the cave and John is thrilled. "You must be the captain of the ship," he said. "I'll be the helmsman." The two boys had been struggling up the steep, rocky path.

"My daddy will be worried if someone

finds us," said David.

"I'll be worried if someone finds us," said John.

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Arthur Morris (left) Australia's vice-captain, obliges two young autograph hunters.—Express Photo.

Cambridge Will Forsake The Long Swing In The Boat Race

By HYLTON CLEAVER

Having lost the 100th University Boat Race, Cambridge have quickly changed their policy for the 101st, which takes place on March 26.

Considering how long Cambridge rowing has been supreme, Oxford, by their decisive win last spring, have certainly brought about an upheaval.

Whereas Oxford are sticking to a winning routine, with the same coaches and a core of Australians, Cambridge have only kept one of last year's coaches, Dr Raymond Owen, and have introduced four new ones.

Of the five, only one has rowed in the race himself, Tommy Langton.

Four of the string are members of London Rowing Club, which means that not only are they rowing experts, a point on which proper emphasis has not often been laid in the past, but that they are to forsake the long swing which has left the rower's body lying right back in the boat at the end of the stroke.

This was mere to look at, but provided a bad position from which to start a lively recovery, or to attain a high rate of striking or attack.

The very good Cambridge crew of 1951 had not developed this to anything like the exaggerated extent of 1954. Now, in the new president, Denis Hill, Cambridge have a Jesus man, and the method of boat propulsion in that College is different.

TRIAL EIGHTS

He is not going to switch from a long swing to no swing at all, but he aims at the compromise which was so successful in the London crews of 1930 and just afterwards.

Keith Miller, the Australian all-rounder, who has a keen in-

jury, is also doubtful for the match.—China Mail Special.

Hence the London coaches in addition to Langton and Owen, they will be G. Bigland Wood, Findlay Best, and Derek May-Smith, who will wind up the training at Putney.

Trial eights have just been reduced from three to two. These will race at Ely on Saturday afternoon.

In these eights is a happy feeling, always a hopeful sign, and three Lady Margaret men who are included have fitted in with the new look very well; in fact, one of them, A. B. Muirhead, is striking a crew.

CHANGES LIKELY

There are six of last year's eight available, but I doubt whether they can all keep their seats for 1955.

There is quite an imposing short list of challengers.

Last year's coxswain has gone down, but there are four good ones to choose from, all of which should make for a most interesting race in March.

The Trial Eights are set to go, but there are likely to be changes yet:

"A"—J. A. Russell (Clare), bow; M. J. Marshall (Jesus), R. A. Higgins (Clare), R. V. Taylor (LMBC), T. P. A. Norman (1st and 3rd Trinity), A. May-Smith (1st and 3rd Trinity), J. N. Bruce (Clare), A. R. Muirhead (LMBC), stroke.

"B"—I. S. Ball (Jesus), bow; J. C. G. Stansiffe (Pembroke), J. Vernon (Trinity Hall), J. C. D. Alexander (Jesus), S. G. D. Tozer (1st and 3rd Trinity), R. A. G. Monk (1st and 3rd Trinity), P. V. Piggott (LMBC), A. C. F. Thomson (Clare), stroke.

Old Blues.

Also on the list is Nightingale (Trinity Hall).

The president, D. K. Hill (Jesus), the secretary, K. A. Maser (Trinity Hall) and the Old Blue C. M. Davies (Clare) are not in trial but will be available for the race.

MILAN FC BEAT WEST HAM 6-0

London, Dec. 14. Milan FC, the Italian Football League Champions, beat West Ham United, the English second division club, 6-0 in a floodlit match here tonight.

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 on Friday 11th December and Saturday
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East China
 Industries
 Increase
 Production

London, Dec. 15.

Many industries in East
 China have increased production
 considerably because more private
 firms have joined state-owned
 enterprises, according to a
 report in the Tientsin Ta
 Kung Pao.

This increase was due to
 directives on the State's general
 task during the transitional
 period towards Socialism, it
 is claimed.

The newspaper said more
 capitalists have been convinced
 that joint state-private ownership
 was "the correct path" to
 follow for privately-owned enter-
 prises."

Work on the transformation
 of privately-owned enterprises
 into joint state-private ownership
 was increasing, the paper
 said.

This was especially so in the
 iron and steel smelting industry,
 chemical processing, machine
 manufacturing works, the
 electric power industry and others.

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 researchers in the U.S. have
 eaten radiated food with no ill
 effects. However, some hurdles
 have to be overcome before the
 techniques can be applied com-
 mercially—including taste and
 colour problems.

Modern science also has
 some words of encouragement
 especially directed toward the
 fairer sex. For example: wives
 whose husbands snore should be
 cheered by the knowledge that
 those weird night noises actually
 may be a sign of deep affection.

The theory advanced in a
 recent seminar of the British
 Medical Association is that men
 snore because they uncon-
 sciously recall the prehistoric
 days when males made sounds
 to protect their wives from
 being molested by intruders
 prowling around their caves.

But maybe the Little Woman
 doesn't need this encouragement
 after all—because results of an-
 other bit of scientific research
 indicate she's apt to be more
 optimistic about marriage than
 her husband. A New York re-
 search firm asked 1,200 men
 and women to give the first
 words that came to their minds
 for the word "marriage."

UNGALLANT MALE

The researchers found
 that words favourable to
 marriage were mentioned
 more often by women.

While those deprecating the
 institution were given more
 frequently by men. From
 the distaff side came such
 terms as "happiness",
 "love", "family" and
 "children", whereas the un-
 gallant males were more
 likely to come forward with
 "divorce" or "separa-
 tion".

A recent scientific oddity is
 the report of the discovery of
 five coelacanth fish, caught off
 Madagascar—a suggestion be-
 cause this fish should have
 extinct millions of years ago
 according to the computations of
 scientists. Further more, all the
 fish were males.

Where are the females nec-
 essary for the preservation of
 the species? A guess is that they
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 come so close to the surface and
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Move To Expel M.P. Forger

London, Dec. 14.

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 of the House of Commons, gave
 notice today that on Thursday a
 motion would be proposed for
 the censure of Captain Peter
 Baker from membership of the
 House.

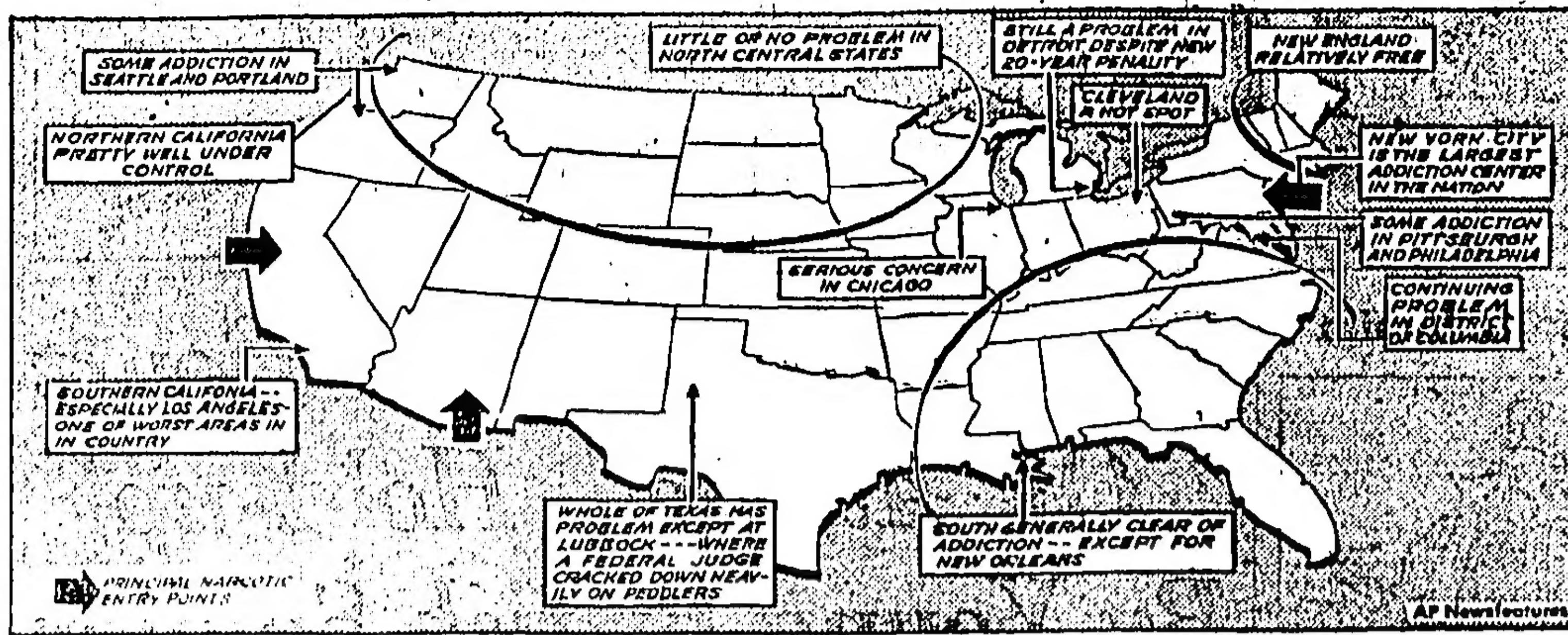
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The Narcotics Problem: A Spotty But Dangerous Scourge

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Although great areas in the United States are relatively free of illegal narcotics, addiction to drugs is one of the most brutal social problems confronting the United States.

President Eisenhower dramatically demonstrated the extent of his concern by setting up a special Cabinet-level committee to determine the precise extent of addiction and recommend ways to combat it.

As illustrated by the map above, based on information from a Government source, narcotics use follows no definite pattern. According to the U.S. Commissioner of Narcotics, Mr Harry J. Anslinger, there are large sections where the scourge is practically unknown: New England, most of the southern states, the north central region and the northwest. The Bureau of Narcotics doesn't even have agents in Montana or Utah.

However, the picture is drastically different in the big cities of heavily populated sections. Mr Anslinger cites New York as the largest addiction center in the United States, and rates the Los Angeles area second. Cleveland and Detroit are both hot spots although the Ohio legislature recently ordered the state's Attorney General to recommend legislation and Michigan approved a new 20-year penalty for illegal traffic.

Chicago is the only spot in Illinois where addiction ever was severe, and, according to Mr Anslinger, it is now controlled fairly well in the city levies. Serious traffic in St. Louis, Mr Anslinger says, has been stopped by the severe sentences issued by Federal Judge Roy Harper.

Been Worse

Despite the seriousness of the narcotics problem today, it has in the past been even worse. During World War I one out of every 1,500 draftees was rejected because of dope addiction. World War II rejections came to only one out of 10,000.

The Cabinet committee Mr Eisenhower set up to deal with narcotics has five members: Secretary of the Treasury, Mr Humphrey, under whom work the 200 agents of the Bureau of Narcotics; Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Mr Hobby, under whose jurisdiction are narcotic addict hospitals at Lexington, Ky., and Ft. Worth, Tex.; Secretary of Defense, Mr Wilson, concerned by addiction among draft selectees and servicemen; Atty. Gen., Mr Brownell, who directs prosecution of narcotic law violators; and Secretary of State, Mr Dulles, responsible for American observance of international narcotic agreements.

This committee, named as its executive secretary Mr David P. Page, assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury. Although on the job only a couple of weeks, Mr Page already has started towards his first goal: more information. Letters have gone out to all state governors, asking them to assemble data from state and local sources and make it available to the committee. "Right now," Mr. Page said in an interview, "are what you might call 'police court' figures: arrests of addicts and admissions to hospitals, whether people who have been cured of addiction have stayed cured and so on."

"Few people realize it, but most federal activity in the narcotics field is based on tax laws. These laws do not go after the addict at all, although many of them reach the addict as they are enforced."

"We have plenty of statistics on narcotics tax law matters, and a good many from the Defense Department and Selective Service reflecting addiction rates. These statistics are in apple-pie order, but we must add figures from the states and territories to get a true picture of the extent of addiction."

What are the laws on narcotics? Here are those most important to the domestic enforcement officer:

Uniform Law

Forty-three states and the District of Columbia have adopted what is called the "uniform state law," which in general follows the Harrison Act, differing principally in licensing details and provisions for penalties. The five states not using the uniform act have what Mr Anslinger says are state laws at least as good. The narcotics commissioner adds the best state law of all is New Jersey's.

What can be done about addiction? In a book, "The Traffic Narcotics," Mr Anslinger and Mr F. F. Tompkins, U.S. attorney for the New Jersey District, write:

Uniform Law

"Strong laws, good enforcement, stiff sentences and a proper hospitalization programme are the necessary foundations. These, plus an alert and determined public, will go a long way towards blotting out the problem."

"There is no excuse for any state to have a law which is in any way weaker than the Boggs Act." (Several states, they add, have passed laws duplicating the Boggs Act.)

To make a law aimed at addiction effective, Mr Anslinger and Mr Tompkins say, addict violators should not receive parole for less than five years and should be required to take hospitalization with subsequent monthly examinations.

They recommend that maximum sentences be levied against peddlers, especially in cases involving minors; that "bargain pleas" in efforts to lighten sentences not be accepted, and that every case, no matter how small, be presented to a grand jury and vigorously prosecuted.

In 2,000 A.D. Oslo Traffic Problem Will Be Solved

Oslo, Dec. 14.

A new underground railway, starting in the east end of Oslo and emerging above ground to serve the new suburban housing districts east and north of the town, has been proposed as a means of solving the transport and traffic problems resulting from the rapid increase in the population of the Norwegian capital.

But there is by no means unanimous approval for this plan, worked out by the municipal planning office for underground and suburban transport and estimated to cost about 220,000,000 kroner (nearly £11,500,000).

An expert committee appointed to report on the plan expressed the opinion that the possibility of surface transport, facilitated by new wide main exits roads, should be investigated before such big capital investments were made.

Oslo is not a big city or capital cities go. The present population with adjoining suburbs is estimated at something over 60,000. But it is a rapidly expanding town, so rapid that neither housing nor transport have been able to keep up with development since World War II. Official statistics put the increase in population between 1940 and 1950 at over 51 per cent.

Many of the new housing estates which, after the wartime lull and the first postwar period of shortages, are now growing up like mushrooms, are situated in the eastern and northern outskirts of the town. It is particularly in this direction that transport has been least developed.

As more and more families move out to the new dormitory estates, the already overworked bus services to the centre of the town get more and more crowded. Every day now thousands of workers struggle on to packed buses and strap-hang their way to work in the utmost discomfort.

The journey is also usually unduly prolonged by rush-hour traffic jams.

There are a great many new housing areas on the west side of the city, too, but these are already much better served by the existing underground electric trams and subways.

The underground plan, designed to help the "east-enders," is based on the building of a large underground station beneath the big Gronland meat market. The Gronland station with the present National Theatre station so that passengers could travel right through from east to west or vice versa.

But while the planners estimate that the first part of the project, the Gronland station and the eastward underground line, could be completed by around 1961, it is not anticipated that the whole underground network under the centre of the town could be finished before around the year 2000.

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The tunnelling work involves considerable geological difficulties. Under the town itself, there are large deposits of what is regarded as the world's most difficult clay. This phenomenon is connected with the lack of salt in the earth caused by glacial movements at the close of the Ice Age.

As long as clay has a normal salt content, it is solid and firm, but where the salt has been washed out, it has become a most unstable ooze. In the centre of the town this ooze may stretch to a depth of 30 metres (over 100 feet), and further east even down to 100 metres (over 300 feet).

Methods have been found, however, of countering this problem. If sufficient salt is administered to the clay it becomes hard and firm as before, and these methods will have to be used when the new tunnels are being bored.

It is estimated that the total underground distance below ground would not be very great. But it would be difficult to bore the tunnels in the soft ground well clear of the rock below, and from the rock, which would be extremely difficult to penetrate, there would be a great deal of difficulty in getting the salt to the clay.

But the whole project has still to be approved by the City Council, who may find the capital outlay too great, and the cost of the new line, which is to extend the existing line to the new and wider east road.

The existing underground was completed in 1938. Estimated

mainly through solid rock, the actual underground tunnel is not very long. Starting at the National Theatre in the main street, Karl Johans Gate, it takes the electric train only five minutes to get west to Majorstua, once the town boundary on the western side. From there, it runs above ground on four different routes, one of which winds its way up the side of the 1,400-foot hill overlooking the town.

Several of these lines have been extended since the war to meet the needs of the new housing groups which now have rapid and comfortable communications right into the centre of the town. Districts along the west side of the Oslo fjord have good services of electric suburban trains which run from the main line Oslo West station.

It is thus the east-enders,

those who live east of the natural dividing line of the Aker River, who are worst off as regards communications. And as time goes on and the big eastern housing areas are completed, more and more people are becoming "east-enders."

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New York, Dec. 14. World No. 4 sugar futures today closed unchanged to 8 points lower with sales of 22,000.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 2 points lower with sales of 78 contracts.

A mixed trade between dealers, refiners and commission houses passed in both contracts pending developments in the raw market.

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